

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) An anterior cervical corpectomy plate, comprising:

a first plate member having a first mount and a first support member extending from said first mount;

a second plate member having a second mount and a second support member extending from said second mount;

a plurality of apertures disposed in said first mount and said second mount;

~~a plurality of screws adapted to engage said plurality of apertures, said screws being adapted to fix said first mount and said second mount each to a vertebral body;~~

a stop disposed on ~~at least one of~~ said first plate member and said second plate member;

wherein said first support member and said second support member are adapted to engage each other in an axially adjustable manner, with said first support member being sized and shaped such that at least a portion thereof is receivable within said second support member, and said stop is adapted to limit such axial adjustment by being mounted to said first support member and extending outwardly therefrom such that, as said first support member is inserted into said second support member and axially adjusted to draw said first mount and

said second mount toward each other, further axial adjustment of said first mount and said second mount toward each other is prevented upon the stop contacting an end of said second support member;

wherein the stop permits axial adjustment of said first mount and said second mount away from each other.

5. (New) The anterior cervical corpectomy plate of claim 1, wherein said first support member has apertures positioned along a length thereof, and the stop is operative to be inserted into a selected one of the apertures.

6. (New) The anterior cervical corpectomy plate of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of screws adapted to engage said plurality of apertures, said screws being adapted to fix said first mount and said second mount each to a vertebral body.

7. (New) The anterior cervical corpectomy plate of claim 1, further comprising means for fixing said first mount and said second mount each to a vertebral body.